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Mr. Eric P. Newman,  
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Dear Eric,

I recall once querying you about the statement in your treatise on Early American Paper Money that there were four (4) signers of 1781 Vermont notes. (I am working from memory, not from an actual copy of your book.)

A visit to the Bennington (Vermont) Museum the other day disclosed a legend under their exhibit of Vermont coppers and Vermont 1781 notes naming "Peter Olcot" as a fourth signer of the Vermont 1781 notes. I believe I suggested to you that the "Peter Olcot" signature was a later (post issue) endorsement on the face of some note.

The Bennington experience caused me to do what I should have done long since, namely consult the original legislation authorizing the 1781 notes. Enclosed herewith are copies of certain Acts of 1781 that I have just received from the Archival Office of the Vermont Secretary of State, which please see.

The irrefutable conclusion is that there were second thoughts after the Act of 21 Feb. 1781 was passed, for a further Act on the same subject was passed on 14 April 1781. This new Act explicitly repealed the one of February and in addition named a new "Committee for signing and numbering said Bills". This new committee was to consist of "the honorable John Fasset, Ebenezer Walbridge, and Thomas Porter, Esquires", the three whose names (in combinations of two at a time) in fact do appear on the "Bills" (notes).

The original Committee was to have been "Col.<sup>O</sup> Ebenezer Walbridge, Col.<sup>O</sup> Moses Robinson, and Ezra Styles, Esq.", so you see that nowhere does the name of "Peter Olcot" appear. I think this confirms my suggestion that "Peter Olcot" was later endorsed onto the face of some single note in a way to lead a viewer to think Peter had been an original signer. When that note reappears, consequently, it will presumably display three signatures: the two (2) that should be there originally plus Peter Olcot's later endorsement. I have indeed seen Vermont 1781 notes with added endorsements, usually on the back side.

Interestingly, the faces of all eight denominations (as printed) say "By Order of Assembly, Windsor, February, 1781" ... which is the repealed Act! Perhaps not so surprising once the typesetter was at work, for the enabling Act specified the same quantity of each denomination and this was presumably met by printing all eight denominations on one sheet and then cutting them apart, i.e. once the printer committed to saying "February" on one, he remained consistent on the others.

*Same info to others, e.g.  
Bennington Museum, V.H. Soc.,  
Ken Bressett, etc.*

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Partridge:

Enclosed are copies of a few legislative acts from 1781-1782. The General Assembly did not pass any laws on June 17, 1781, but I did find an act passed June 27, 1781 which may be relevant to your research.

Please give me a call if you have any questions. Enjoy Spring!

Sincerely,

*Christie Carter*

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in some instances, to different Proprietors, of the same Tract of Land, by one and the same Authority; and it is in dispute which of said Charters ought to hold the fee of said Lands. For the better determining such Dispute,

Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and by the Authority of the same, that the Governor, Council, and House of Representatives, shall sit as a Court, to hear and finally determine all Disputes between Proprietors holding under different Charters, made out by one and the same Authority: And the manner of process in such case shall be, that the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall bring his or their Writt of right setting forth the whole matter, against the Defendant or Defendants, directed to the Sheriff of the County in which said Land lies, or his Deputy, to be served on the Defendant or Defendants, at least sixty days before the sitting of said Assembly. And the manner of Service shall be by reading the same, in the hearing of one or more of the Proprietors, who are to be the Defendants in the case, or leave a true and attested Copy at his or their usual place of Abode, within the aforesaid time:

Which Writt shall be returned to the Clerk of said Assembly on or before the first day of their Sessions; And the said Proprietor or Proprietors, on whom such Writt shall be served as aforesaid, shall immediately call a meeting of the Proprietors of the Charter, under which he or they hold: and he or they are hereby empowered to call a meeting as aforesaid, that they may be in Preparation to make their Defence. And the Plaintiff or Plaintiffs shall pay, for the Entry and Trial of said Action, twenty Shillings, and Cost shall follow the final Determination of the Suit.

AN ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMITTING A SUM OF MONEY.

FEBRUARY 22<sup>d</sup> 1781

Whereas it is found necessary for the purpose of carrying on the War, and the Payment of the public Debts of this State, as well as enlarging the quantity of circulating Medium, to emit a Sum of Money for that purpose, to be redeemed by the Avails of a Land tax, granted by this assembly, payable on the first day of January next. Wherefore,

I. Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of the

freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and by the Authority of the same, that there be forthwith printed under the Inspection of, and signed and numbered by, Colo. Ebenczer Walbridge, Colo. Moses Robinson, and Ezra Styles Esqr., Committee for that Purpose, Bills to the Ammount of five thousand five hundred and ninety pounds, lawful Money, and by said Committee delivered to the Treasurer of this State, for the Payment of this State's Debts, and other public purposes; Which Bills shall be a lawful Tendry for Payment on all Contracts, Executions &c as lawful Money; and said Bills shall be paid and redeemed by the Treasurer of this State, by the first day of June 1782 in Silver at the rate of six Shillings for one Spanish milled Dollar, or Gold equivalent, out of the Avails of said Land-tax: And the said Committee are impowered to make a Device and form for said Bills; which Bills shall be an equal number of three pound, forty Shilling, twenty Shilling, ten Shilling, five Shilling, two and sixpenny, one Shilling and three penny, and one Shilling Bills.

II. Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that whosoever shall be guilty of altering or counterfeiting any of said Bills, or shall be anywise concerned therein, by making Instruments for that purpose, or be in anywise aiding or assisting therein, and be thereof convicted, shall suffer Death: Any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING THE SHIRE OR COUNTY TOWNS IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES, AND THE TIME FOR HOLDING SUPERIOR AND COUNTY COURTS THEREIN.

FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> 1781

I. Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and by the Authority of the same, that the Towns of Bennington and Manchester be half Shires for holding Courts in the County of Bennington:

Provided that the Inhabitants of the town of Bennington, compleat a Goal by the first day of June next, and a Court-house by the first day of October next, in said Town; and those Inhabitants of said Town, who do not pay their Proportion in building said House and Goal, that they have to pay in building the other Court-house and Goal, shall be taxed with the rest of the County, in building a Court-house and Goal in Manchester.

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all exceed the Sum of six Pounds.

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of Vermont, in General Assembly met,  
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of each Regiment, when called on as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay,  
for each neglect, the Sum of fifty Pounds; And each Captain or Com-  
manding Officer of each Company in the several Regiments, neglecting  
to make returns as aforesaid to his Colonel or Commanding Officer,  
shall forfeit and pay twenty five Pounds: all which Fines and Penalties  
shall be prosecuted by the Attorney General, or the State's Attorney of  
the County where the offence is committed, and paid into the State's  
Treasury: Any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

AN ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF EMITTING A SUM OF MONEY, AND  
DIRECTING THE REDEMPTION OF THE SAME.

APRIL 14TH 1781

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the earlier Act of 22 Feb.  
is repealed

Whereas it is found necessary, for the purpose of carrying on the  
War, and the Payment of the public Debts of this State, as well as for  
enlarging the quantity of circulating Medium, to emit a Sum adequate  
to the several necessary purposes, in Bills, on the Credit of this State.

I. Therefore Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Represent-  
ives of the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met,  
and by the Authority of the same, that there be forthwith printed,  
under the Inspection of Mathew Lyon, Edward Harris, and Ezra  
Styles, Esquires, a Committee for that Purpose, Bills to the Amount of  
twenty-five thousand one hundred and fifty five Pounds lawful Money,  
for the Payment of this State's Debts, and other public Purposes;  
Which Bills shall be an equal numbers of three Pounds, forty Shillings,  
twenty Shillings, ten Shillings, five Shillings, two Shillings and six  
penny, one Shilling and three penny, and one Shilling Bills. Which  
Committee shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their Office, and  
are empowered to make a Device and Form for said Bills.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that said  
Bills, when so printed, shall be by the aforesaid committee delivered to  
the honorable John Fasset, Ebenezer Walbridge, and Thomas Porter,  
Esquires, a Committee for signing and numbering said Bills: Which  
last said Committee shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their  
Duty, and shall receipt said Bills to the aforesaid Committee, and shall  
sign and number said Bills, and deliver them to the Treasurer, taking  
his Receipt for the aforesaid Sum in Bills, of twenty five thousand one  
hundred and fifty five Pounds. Which Bills shall be a lawful Tendry for  
the Payment on all Contracts, Executions, &c. as lawful Money, ac-

according to the face of the Bill. And said Bills shall be paid up, and redeemed by the Treasurer of this State, by the first day of June 1782, in Silver at the rate of six Shillings for one Spanish milled Dollar, or Gold equivalent.

III. And for the redemption of a part of said Bills, it is hereby enacted, that there be, and there is hereby, granted a tax of one Shilling and three Pence lawful Money, on the Pound, on the list of the Polls and rateable Estates of the Inhabitants of this State, to be taken in June next:

Which tax the first Constable of each respective town is hereby impowered to collect, (on receiving a Warrant from the Treasurer therefor, and the rate Bill from the Selectmen of such town; which Selectmen are hereby directed to deliver to such Constable, as soon as the List is by Law to be compleat) by the first day of November next: and shall be accountable to the Treasurer of this State for such tax: Which Constable shall be allowed the same fees for collecting such tax as is by Law allowed for the levying and serving Execution, in case he have to levy on the Goods and Chattels of any person for Payment of his tax, which he is impowered to do, in case any person neglect paying their tax within twenty days after a proper warning; and shall be allowed one Pound out of each eighty Pounds he collects and pays to the Treasurer: Which tax shall be paid in Silver or Gold, or in the aforesaid Bills.

And Whereas the Land is the great Object of the present War, and receives the most solid Protection of any Estate, a very large part of which has hitherto paid no part of the great Cost arisen in defending it, whilst the Blood and Treasure of the Inhabitants of the State has been spent to protect it, who many of them owned but a very small part thereof:

Wherefore, for the redemption of the remaining part of said Bills, and the lodging a Sum of Money in the Treasury,

IV. Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that there be, and there is hereby, granted and laid, a Tax of ten Shillings on each hundred Acres of Land within this State, which will non admit of Settlement on Account of the War, except public Rights, and the Colledge Lands; which tax shall be paid into the Treasury of this State in Silver, at the rate of six Shillings per Spanish milled Dollar, or Gold equivalent, or in said Bills.

And the Publication of this part of this Act in the Vermont Gazette, the New Hampshire Gazette, one of the Boston News Papers, the Connecticut Courant, and the Massachusetts Spy, three Weeks successively, as soon as may be, and the Treasurer calling on the Landholders to pay their tax, agreeable to this Act, in the said News-papers, once in the Month of November next, and once in the Month of December next shall be sufficient Notification to all persons concerned.

And Whereas Difficulties might arise in collecting said tax in any one mode: Which to prevent,

V. It is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the following be the Mode for collecting the Tax for the Towns of Pownal, Bennington, Shaftsbury, Arlington, Manchester, Dorset, Ruport, Danby, Tinmouth, Clarendon, Pollet, Wells, Poultney, Rutland, Guilford, Halifax, Brattleborough, Marlborough, Townshend, Dummerston, New Fane, Putney, Westminster, Rockingham, Windsor, Hertford, Woodstock, Hartford, Pomfret, Thetford, Stratford, Newbury, Rygate, Alstead, Acworth, Charleston, Cornish, Claremont, Chesterfield, Croydon, Gilsom, New-Grantham, Keen, Dresden, Lemster, Marlow, Newport, Plainfield, Richmond, Swansey, Surry, Unity, Walpole, Westmoreland, Winchester, Canaan, Grafton, Haverhill, Hanover, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lyme, Oxford, Piermont, Enfield, Romney, and any other towns that are organized and choose it, that the first Constable chosen for the Year 1781, in each respective town, shall be, and they are hereby, impowered (on receiving a Warrant therefor from the Treasurer) to collect said tax, in the respective towns, of the several Landowners; and they are hereby impowered to levy on the Goods and Chattels of the said Land-owners, for the Payment of the same, agreeable to the Law directing the levying and serving Execution: except, that when the Constable shall have Occasion to sell Lands, for the Payment of said tax, such Land shall be sold at Vendue; and the time of Payment of such tax to the Constable, shall be on or before the first day of January next; and the time for his settling with the Treasurer, shall be on or before the first day of April following.

And a Copy of the Constable's Warrant, with his Doings thereon, in respect to the particular Land sold for the Payment of said Tax, agreeable to this Act, attested by the Constable, and recorded with the Town Clerk's Office, shall be a good title, to the exclusion of all other Claims, to the purchaser of said Land.

Provided always, where any lands lie in common or undivided,

and a part of the Proprietors or owners of such common or undivided Land, shall pay their Proportion of the tax of such common or undivided Land, and the Constable shall have Occasion to sell Land for raising the remaining part of the tax of such common or undivided Lands, he shall cause to be recorded in the Town-Clerk's Office the names and proportions of the persons who have paid their tax, who shall not be curtailed, but be as fairly entitled to the proportion they pay for, as they were before; and the Constable shall be allowed one pound out of each hundred Pounds he collects and pays into the Treasurer, and shall be entitled to the same fees from the persons whose taxes he receives after the first of January next, as he is in case of levying and serving Executions. And lest doubt may arise on that head, it is hereby declared, that in case of the State tax, the towns are to be responsible for the Ability and faithfulness of their Constables.

VI. Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the mode for collecting said tax for the other towns, as also for any of the aforesaid towns which may neglect paying in their tax by the first day of April 1782, shall be as follows, viz<sup>t</sup>., it shall be lawful for the Proprietors or Owners of the Land of any town, to meet, where it shall be most convenient for them, in one or more meetings, (any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding) and choose Collectors to collect such tax of the Proprietors or Landowners of the respective Towns which they are chosen for. Provided always, that the said Collectors be not impowered to sell Land.

And the Land-owner who does by himself, or such Collector, pay his Proportion of the said tax to the Treasurer of this State, by the first day of April next, shall be discharged therefrom.

And in case any part of the tax shall remain unpaid at that time, it shall be the Duty of the Treasurer to issue his Warrant to the Sheriff of the County, or his Deputy, commanding him to sell at Vendue, unimproved Land in such town to the Amount thereof, and a sufficiency to pay all attending Charges, belonging to any such persons, who have not paid their tax. Provided, that when undivided Land is sold, which must always be the case (if there be any such that is valuable) that the persons paying their Proportion of said tax to the Treasurer, before the Warrant be issued, shall not be curtailed, but be as fairly entitled to the Proportion they pay for, as they were before: And a Copy of the Sheriff's Warrant, with his doings thereon, in respect to the particular Land sold for the Payment of the said tax, agreeable to

this Act, attested by such Sheriff, recorded in the County Clerk's Office, shall be a good Title, to the exclusion of all other Claims, to the Purchaser.

Provided always, that it shall be the Duty of the Sheriff or Constable to advertise the sale of any lands to be sold for the Payment of such tax, three Weeks successively in the Vermont Gazette, at least five days before such Sale, and post an Advertisement thereof in the town where such Land lies, if inhabited: if not inhabited, in the next inhabited town, at least twenty days before such Sale.

And lest Injustice be done to any person, by having more of his Land sold than enough to amount to his rate, or proportion of the tax, VII. Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any person shall have more of his land sold than his Proportion, he shall have a right of Action and Recovery against the Person or persons who are Delinquents with him, either in whole or in part, for their Proportion, according to their Interest, of the value of the Land so sold, according to the Appraisal of indifferent men, at the time of such Recovery. Provided that such Action be brought within the term of one Year from the Sale of such Land, and not after.

Provided always that in case any person pays a Land tax of Land, supposing it to be his own, and it afterwards appears on Trial to belong to another person, he shall have a right of Action and recovery against the proper Owner of such Land, for such Sum as he shall pay for such Land-tax.

Provided also, that whenever the Sheriff or Constable shall sell more Land than a sufficiency to pay the tax ordered to be collected, if by a Sheriff, the Overplus shall be lodged in the County Treasury; if by a Constable, the Overplus shall be lodged in the Town Treasury, for the Owner.

VIII. Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that whosoever shall be guilty of altering or counterfeiting any of said Bills, or shall be any ways concerned therein, by making Instruments for that Purpose, or be any ways aiding or assisting therein, and be thereof convicted, shall suffer Death; Any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

IX. Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Act entitled "An Act for the Purpose of emitting a Sum of Money" passed

at the Sessions of this Assembly in February last, be, and is hereby repealed.

AN ACT DIRECTING THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS  
IN THE COUNTY OF WASHINGTON.

APRIL 14TH 1781

I. Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and by the Authority of the same, that the Constables in the several towns in the County of Washington, shall warn all the Inhabitants in their respective towns, to meet at the usual place for holding Town-meetings, in their respective Towns, on Wednesday the second day of May next, in order to qualify themselves for voting in said meeting: And the persons who shall qualify, and commence Freemen, as the law directs, shall proceed in the following manner, viz<sup>t</sup>,

To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting.

To chuse a Clerk, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his Office, by the Moderator.

The freemen shall give in their Ballots for him whom they would choose for their Chief Judge, for the County Court, in said County, with his name fairly written: Which votes shall be sealed up by the Moderator of said Meeting, in the presence of the freemen. In like manner, the freemen shall give in their votes for four Assistant Judges, with their names fairly written, on one piece of Paper; Which votes shall be sealed up as aforesaid.

The freemen shall give in their votes for him whom they would chuse for the Sheriff of said County; which votes shall be sealed up as aforesaid.

The freemen shall give in their votes for one Judge of Probates in each District in said County; which shall be sealed up as aforesaid.

The freemen shall give in their Votes for two Justices of the peace in each Town, wherein are one hundred taxable Inhabitants, or more; and in all other towns one Justice of the Peace; which Votes shall be sealed up as aforesaid. Then the Moderator shall write on the outside of the Paper, wherein the votes are for the Chief Judge, the name of the Town wherein the Votes are taken, and then add the Words "Votes for the Chief Judge"; and in like manner for the Assistant

Judges, sheriff, Judges of the Probates, Justices of the Peace, with the name of the Town, and Probate District, for which such Officer is intended.

The freemen shall make Choice of some meet person to take Charge of said Votes, who shall be sworn to the faithful Discharge of his Duty; and the persons so chosen from the respective towns, shall meet at the Meeting House in Walpole, on Friday the fourth day of May next: And being so met shall proceed,

To chuse a Moderator to govern said Meeting.

To chuse a Clerk to record the Doings of said Meeting.

Then proceed to sort and count the Votes for the Chief Judge of the County Court: and the person found to have the greatest number of votes, shall be declared chosen. And in like manner the four persons who shall be found to have the greatest number of Votes for Assistant Judges, shall be declared chosen.

Provided always that if any person shall have votes for the Office of Chief Judge, who shall not be chosen, said votes which were for a Chief Judge, shall count for said Person in the nomination of an Assistant Judge.

And in like manner proceed to sort and count the Votes for all the above mentioned Officers, and make Declaration as aforesaid.

And when it shall so happen that there is no Choice by reason of a Tie, the members of such Meeting shall determine the Choice: And it shall be the duty of the Clerk of said Meeting, to make return, as soon as may be, of the names of the Officers so chosen, to his Excellency the Governor, that they may be commissioned according to Constitution.

And Whereas the Law requires certain Oaths to be administered in order to qualify persons, as Electors, or Freemen, and no civil Authority is found in said County, to administer said Oaths: Therefore,

II. Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that when the Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen, as before directed in this Act, in the respective Towns, they, or either of them, be and hereby are, empowered to administer the Oaths necessary, to the Inhabitants that are otherwise qualified, as Law directs.

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Authority aforesaid, that upon Justice of the Peace, or other this State, that any person or Articles, where there is good ground privately to transport the servant, or Justice of the Peace, to the Sheriff, his Deputy, or any such Articles may be, this State; And return shall also the person from whom (as specified in said Writ) in the hearing of the person leaving an attested copy of all Place of Abode, if within said Seizure. And in case the taken, is not an Inhabitant attested Copy to be left, in such seizable Goods shall be on do not satisfy the Court he had no design to convey contrary to this Act, Judgment the Costs; and such Article this State. Provided never-whom said Goods shall be so common market Price, for his necessary General of Purchases is

that it shall be the Business and duties or Agents, and Justices them, within any town in this seizures and Penalties in this by Commissary General, or of them within any town in cess for the Recovery of the not support the same in the the Cause shall be tried, the shall be immediately restored

to the Owner and such Defendant allowed his reasonable Costs, to be paid by the Treasurer of this State.

V. And it is hereby further enacted, that the Commissary General, his Deputies, Justices of the Peace, and the Selectmen within any town in this State, shall receive a reasonable reward for their Services in carrying this Act into Execution; to be paid by the Treasurer of this State, where the legal fees arising from any Prosecution shall not be found sufficient to pay them.

VI. And it is hereby further enacted, that the Representatives of the several towns within this said State, be directed to post up a notification in writing, in the most public places within their respective towns, as soon as maybe, that all neat-Cattle, Beef, Pork, Wheat, Rye, Indian Corn, Wheat or Rye Flour, or Meal of any kind, shall not be exported from this State between the eighth day of July next, and the rising of the General Assembly in October next, without permit therefor.

VII. And it is hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that this Act be in full force in every part of this State, from the said eighth day of July next, as above mentioned, except in the County of Bennington; And that this Act take place, and be in full force, in the County of Bennington, from and after the rising of the present General Assembly; and to be in force until the rising of the next Session of the General Assembly, in October next as before mentioned.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE PURPOSE  
OF EMITTING A SUM OF MONEY AND DIRECTING THE  
REDEMPTION OF THE SAME"

JUNE 27TH 1781

Whereas in the Act for the purpose of emitting a Sum of Money, and directing the Redemption of the same, there is a Land tax laid on all towns in this State, which will now admit of Settlement on Account of the War; and in said Act there is no Description of the identical towns that are to pay the Land tax: And as it is now found necessary to name the particular towns,

Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and by the Authority of the same, that the Towns hereafter named, be the towns that shall pay said Tax; that is to say, Pownal, Stamford alias

New-Stamford, Readsborough, Bennington, Woodford, Shaftsbury, Glastenbury, Somerset, Arlington, Sunderland, Stratton, Manchester, Brumley, Winhall, Londonderry, Ruport, Dorset, Pawlet, Danby, Harwich, Wells, Tinmouth, Wallingford, Poultney, Clarendon, Rutland, Killington, Little-Hosack, Hosack, Scorticook, Cambridge, that part of Saratoga that lies to the Southward of Batten-kiln, White-Creek, Black-Creek, Shrewsbury, Sandgate, Pittsford, Castleton, Hinsdale on both sides of Connecticut River, Guilford, Halifax, Wilmington, Brattleborough, New-Fane, Marlborough, Dummerston, Wardsborough, Townshend, Putney, Athens, Westminster, Rockingham, Thomlinson, Springfield, Chester, Andover, Weathersfield, Cavendish, Saltash, Ludlow, Windsor, Reading, Hertford, Woodstock, Bridgewater, Stockbridge, Hartford, Pomfret, Bernard, Norwich, Sharon, Royalton, Thetford, Strafford, Tunbridge, Vershire, Fairlee, Landgrove, Newbury, Corinth, Reygate, Barnet, Lunenburg, Guildhall, Maidstone, Minehead, Brunswick, Jamaica, Lemington, Averil, Lewis, Wenlock, Ferdinand, Granby, Topsham, Peacham, Winchester, Richmond, Chesterfield, Swanzy, Westmorland, Keene, Gilsom, Walpole, Alstead, Marlow, Surry, Charleston, Acworth, Lempster, Unity, Claremont, Newport, Saville, Cornish, Croyden, Plainfield, New-Grantham, Protectworth, Lebanon, Enfield, Grafton, Dresden, Canaan, Hanover, Cardigan, Lime, Dorchester, Cockermouth, Oxford, Wentworth, Romney, Piermont, Warren, Haverhill, Coventry, Bath, Landatt, Lyman, Gunthwait, Aphorpe, Dartmouth, Lancaster, Northumberland, Cockburn, Colebrook, Stuardton, Morrision, Stratford, Shelburne, on the East side of Connecticut River.

**AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING AND CONFIRMING THE SEVERAL BILLS OF CREDIT OF THIS STATE DATED FEBRUARY 1781, AS A LEGAL CURRENCY OF THIS STATE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE REDEMPTION OF PART OF THE SAME**

**JUNE 27TH 1781**

Whereas the General Assembly, at their Sessions at Windsor, April 1781, passed an Act for emitting Bills, on the Credit of this State, to the amount of twenty five thousand one hundred and fifty five Pounds lawful Money. And Whereas the Committee appointed by said assembly to inspect and form said Bills, mistook the Date of the Act for emitting the same, and formed said Bills as by order of Assen-

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bly, Windsor February 1781, which should have been agreeable to an Act of Assembly, Windsor April 1781. Therefore,

I. Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and by the Authority of the same, that each and every of said Bills, so emitted, dated February 1781, be, and hereby are, established and confirmed as a legal Currency of this State, in lieu of the before mentioned Bills, which were ordered to be emitted by Act of Assembly, Windsor April 1781; and they are hereby ordered to be under the same Regulations and Restrictions, as by said Act ordered for the said Bills to have been emitted: and any person or persons who shall, at any time hereafter, counterfeit any of said Bills, or aid or assist in counterfeiting, or making any Instrument therefor, shall be liable to the same Punishment or Penalties, as any persons were to have suffered, for counterfeiting, aiding, or assisting in counterfeiting Bills that were to have been emitted by said Act of April 1781: Reference to said Act being had.

And Whereas, for the redemption of part of said Bills, it was enacted by the General Assembly at their Session, Windsor April 1781, that a tax of one Shilling and three Pence lawful Money, on the pound, on the List of the Polls and rateable Estate of the Inhabitants of this State, which was to be taken in the Month of June and to be collected and paid into the Treasury by the first of November ensuing said Act: But as it appears necessary that some, at least, of said tax be collected sooner than the time mentioned in said Act: Wherefore,

II. Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Listers within the several towns of this State, shall and they are hereby, directed for this present year to compleat the Lists of their respective Towns, by the first day of August next, and return the same unto the Select-men of the same towns respectively, who are hereby required to make out a tax upon the Inhabitants of said Towns of eight pence on the Pound of said List so exhibited, within six days after the Receipt thereof, and commit the tax when made, to the Constable of such town, with their Warrant to collect the same, ordering the said Collectors to return the Sum total of such tax to the Treasurer of this State, on or by the tenth day of September following: And that such select-men also return unto the Treasurer of this State, as soon as may be, the name or names of the Collector to whom such tax hath been committed by them, and the sum total of such tax so committed, with

the Date of their Warrant to said Collector and when directed to be paid.

III. And be it further enacted by Authority of the aforesaid, that if any Lister aforesaid shall refuse or neglect to make such List, and return thereof as aforesaid, that each such Lister so refusing or neglecting, shall for every Week he shall so neglect the same, pay a fine of five Pounds, one half thereof for the Use of this State, the other half to the use of the Complainer who shall prosecute the same to effect, before any Court suitable by Law to try the same.

AN ACT FOR DIVIDING THE COUNTY OF BENNINGTON INTO TWO  
DISTINCT SHIRES, AND ASCERTAINING THE SAME

JUNE 28TH 1781

Whereas it appears reasonable that the County of Bennington be divided into two Shires:

I. Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and by the Authority of the same, that the County of Bennington be, and it is hereby divided into two half Shires.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Town of Bennington be, and hereby is declared to be, a half Shire within and for the County of Bennington: Provided that the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington, have no Credit in the Common tax of the County, for what they have done toward erecting a Court-house or Goal within the same.

And that the Town of Manchester be declared to be, and hereby is to be considered as the other half Shire within said County.

AN ACT FOR MAKING THE LAWS OF THIS STATE NOW EXTANT  
TEMPORARY, AND TO BE IN FORCE UNTIL THE RISING OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THIS STATE AT THEIR SESSION  
OF OCTOBER NEXT

JUNE 28TH 1781

Whereas, it is found necessary that the Laws of this State, now extant, shall be in force until the rising of the General Assembly in October next;

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Therefore, Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and by the Authority of the same, that the Laws of this State, now extant, be, and are hereby, established to be in force as Laws of this State, until the rising of the General Assembly of this State, in their Session of October next.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN GUILDHALL &  
LUNENBURG

JUNE 26TH 1781

Whereas by reason of the Difference in the several Surveys made of the river Connecticut, above where Ammonoosnock River falls therein, it may be difficult for the Surveyor General of this State, to prefix any certain Boundary to the Lands now about to be chartered by this State, until a Boundary is established between the said towns of Guildhall and Lunenburg; And that the Inhabitants of Lunenburg may not be ousted, who took possession according to the Survey of Hubertus Neal, eighteen years since, by order of the Authority of New Hampshire: and also as the Selectmen of Guildhall have settled a Boundary with said Lunenburg. Therefore

Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and by the Authority of the same, that the thirty miles mentioned in Guildhall Charter, which is the first boundary mentioned in that of Lunenburg, shall be considered to extend as far up the said River Connecticut, as to a Stake and Stones, standing on the Westerly Bank, three miles and a half mile, on a straight Line, above the Mouth of Israel's River: Which said Stake and Stones stands nearly opposite to the Corner of Lancaster and Northumberland, on the other side the River; And the said Stake and Stones are hereby established and declared, to be the Corner between said Lunenburg and Guildhall: Any Surveys or doings of any person or persons to the contrary notwithstanding.

THE END OF THE ACTS  
PASSED AT BENNINGTON  
IN JUNE 1781

public Worship, School houses, and Bridges. And when any tax or taxes are levied as aforesaid, the Select-men, in the towns where such taxes are levied, are hereby authorized and empowered to grant their Warrant to the Collector, directing him to collect them; and the Collector shall thereupon proceed in collecting them, in the same manner in which Collectors are authorized by Law to proceed in collecting Proprietary taxes. *Provided nevertheless*, that nothing in the Act shall be construed to authorize the Inhabitants of any town, to levy any tax on such Lots or rights of Land as are appropriated to public or pious Uses. *Provided also*, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to deprive any persons of Privileges secured to them by the Constitution.

AN ACT IMPOWERING DAVID PULSIPHER, ADMINISTRATOR ON THE  
ESTATE OF DAVID PULSIPHER, DECEASED, TO SELL PART OF THE  
REAL ESTATE OF THE SAID DECEASED

OCTOBER 25TH 1781

Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and by the Authority of the same, that David Pulsipher, Administrator to the Estate of David Pulsipher late of Rockingham deceased, be empowered, and he is hereby empowered, to sell so much of the real Estate of the said David Pulsipher deceased, as will pay the Sum of sixty Pounds lawful Money, for the purpose of paying the Debts due from said Estate; Subject to the Direction of the Judge of Probate, for the District where said real estate lies.

AN ACT FOR LEVYING A TAX, OF SIX PENCE ON THE POUND, ON THE  
POLLS AND RATEABLE ESTATE OF THE INHABITANTS OF THIS  
STATE, AND FOR THE REDEMPTION OF THE PAPER  
CURRENCY, AND SUPPLYING THE TREASURY

OCTOBER 27TH 1781

Whereas the Circumstances of the Paper Currency are such as render it necessary that the same be taken out of Circulation, as soon as may be; and that Provision be made for the further Supply of the Treasury,

I. Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of

the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and by the Authority of the same, that a tax be levied on the Polls and rateable Estate of the Inhabitants of the several towns within this State, of six Pence on the Pound, to be paid into the Treasury by the first day of December next ensuing: And that the Treasurer be directed forthwith to issue his Warrants to the Constables of the several towns, directing them to levy and collect the said rate of six pence on the Pound, and deliver the Sum total of said tax into the Treasury, by the first day of December aforesaid.

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that no Bills of Credit of this State, that have been, nor any that shall be hereafter, received into the Treasury, by means of any tax already levied, or that may be levied, shall again be put into Circulation, but immediately destroyed in manner following, vizt: That a Committee of three shall be chosen by Ballot, by this Assembly, who being sworn to a faithful Discharge of their Office, and bound in a Bond of ten thousand Pounds, for the due performance thereof, shall receive of the Treasurer the aforesaid Bills, giving their Receipt therefor, specifying the Amount of the same; and immediately on the Receipt thereof, shall cause them to be wholly and effectually destroyed, by being burnt.

III. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Treasurer be directed and empowered forthwith to issue his Extents against the several delinquent Collectors of the eight-penny tax, levied agreeable to an Act of Assembly, passed at their Session in June last.

IV. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Treasurer be empowered and directed, to issue his Warrants to the Constables of the several towns, who have not made returns of the sum due from such town, on account of the eight-penny tax; and to issue his Extents to the Sheriffs of the respective Counties, for the Distrain and Recovery of the Amount of said eight penny tax, from the delinquent Constables: Which Sheriffs are hereby empowered and required to execute said Extents, in the same manner as they are by Law directed to execute other Writts of Execution.

AN ACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCURING PROVISION FOR THE TROOPS,  
TO BE EMPLOYED IN THE SERVICE OF THIS STATE, FOR THE  
YEAR ENSUING

OCTOBER 27TH 1781

Whereas, the State of the present Currency, or Medium of Trade,

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been over-charged in the Provision tax, granted by said Assembly at  
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Bushels and an half of Indian Corn, twelve Bushels and one quarter  
of Rye, two hundred and ninety four pounds and an half of Beef, one  
hundred and forty five Pounds and one quarter of Pork. And Whereas  
it was resolved by said Assembly, that any town that should be over-  
charged in said tax, by reason of their List not being returned to said  
Assembly, on Application, should be abated. Therefore,

Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of  
the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and by  
the Authority of the same, that the aforesaid Sums be, and are hereby  
remitted from the tax aforesaid; and that the said Inhabitants are  
hereby discharged from paying the same, or any part thereof.

AN ACT DIRECTING THE TREASURER TO DELIVER WHAT STATE'S MONEY  
HE HAS IN HAND TO THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED  
TO DESTROY THE SAME

FEBRUARY 27TH 1782

Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of  
the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and  
by the Authority of the same, that the Treasurer of this State be, and  
he is hereby, directed to deliver all Bills of Credit of this State now on  
hand, or that shall be hereafter received, to the Committee appointed  
to destroy said Bills of Credit, taking their Receipt for the Sums so  
delivered: And said Committee are hereby directed to destroy the same.

AN ACT FOR TAKING OFF THE TENDRY OF THE PAPER CURRENCY  
OF THIS STATE THE FIRST DAY OF JUNE NEXT

FEBRUARY 28TH 1782

Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of  
the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and by  
the Authority of the same, that from and after the first day of June  
next, the Bills of Credit of this State shall not be a legal Tendry in any  
Payment or Contract, except in the Treasury of this State: Any Law  
Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

FEBRUARY 28TH 1782

Be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted, by the Representatives of the freemen of the State of Vermont, in General Assembly met, and by the Authority of the same, that that part of said Law, directing the Advertisement of the Sale of the Lands, to be sold for the Payment of the Land tax, in the Vermont Gazette, be, and is hereby repealed.

FEBRUARY 28TH 1782

II. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Deed lately obtained from Colonel Samuel Robinson, in a fraudulent and clandestine manner, by John Blackledge Emms of the above described hundred Acres of Land shall be, and hereby is declared to be, void, null & of no effect.

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23 April 1997

Dear Eric,

It was very nice to have  
your phone call of a few days back.  
Thank you.

I've triggered more Xeroxes  
out of the Sec'y of State's Archival  
Office + send copies on to you.

The latest does not change the  
picture about the 3 signers except  
to legitimize the Feb. 1781 date.

Warm regards,

Sandy Partridge



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Year-end 1997 &  
Year-beginning 1998

Dear Friends, Season's greetings to all, and blessings too.

The octogenarians of my generation ... sister Ruth (80), sister Frances (88), brother Charles (86), and me (82) ... are all at Wake Robin, a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC). Charles's wife, Mary, with Alzheimer's, is a few steps away in the full-time nursing wing. Brother David (still in his 70s) and his wife, Dee, may come join in the future. Whereas we see each other regularly, we also manage to go our various ways. For instance, for Thanksgiving Day, Fran flew to daughter Margaret's at Rochester, NY; Charles drove to his daughter Carol's at Proctor, Vt; Ruth and I drove 45 miles over to Stowe, Vt, to David and Dee's.

Wake Robin is now 100% "occupied" ... well, many away for travel and family visits. Anyway, there is a waiting list. The residents make up a very pleasant, remarkably talented (artists, photographers, cartoonist, singers, bellringers, etc,) and congenial group. Staff and food are uniformly excellent ... weight has to be watched!

My niece-and-nephew class now spans from 55 to 30 ages, and the great niece/ great nephew class runs from 26 to 1+. Six of the latter are recent college graduates and four of these are working in the Boston area.

Quand a moi: I'm still something of a professional meetings-go-er: National Boy Scouts International Committee, Green Mountain Council's Executive Board plus finance and nominating committees; Fleming Museum Advisory Board; Vermont Historical Society Board (now an Honorary Trustee); Crown Point Road Association Board; and some committees here at Wake Robin; etc. Besides, there are various hobbies and interests, e.g. archaeology, geology, history, numismatics, u.s.w.

There were two August canoe-camping weeks: First was my 26th consecutive year on the Canadian trip for the Proctor Union Church. We chose the more northerly route, with about 80 miles of paddling and portaging, which means camp has to be moved every day. The second was for a Wake Robin bunch (ages 72, 82, 84, and 86), so it was very specially planned to stay on big, complex Grand Lac Victoria, no portaging. Each person had a roomy tent (plenty of head room and elbow room), a stool, and a hammock. Cooking with propane meant easy clean-up. With 3 wet days at the start, we paid for the good days that followed. There were lots of blueberries, to the benefit of pancakes, skillet bread, and oatmeal! And plenty of food.

Back last January 1997, sister Ruth accompanied me on a trip to Chile. While I attended Scout meetings in Santiago, she toured the city plus Valparaiso and Viña del Mar. Then we flew down to Punta Arenas on the Straits of Magellan, from whence, with a car and driver, we backtracked 300 kilometers to visit the Torres del Paine Park. It features a dramatically glaciated chunk of mountains ... its torres (towers) and cornes (horns) have cliff sides thousands of feet high. We had two nights at a hosteria on an island in Lago Pahoé ... spectacular views and wind. Lots of guanaco (camel family) inside the park, or nearby. There were lesser rhea along the way and condors soaring overhead. The rhea are wonderfully camouflaged and hard to spot. Next we moved 1,000 kms North to visit the Chilean Lake District before heading home.

The annual meeting of the Boy Scouts of America was at the Dolphin Hotel on the grounds of Disney World outside Orlando, FL. As usual, a working meeting, so had to stay on afterward to enjoy some of Disney World's features. These are well done.

The usual Fall reunion of former New England Region One Scouters (volunteers, pro-

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fessionals, and honoraries) took place in October, later than usual ... still lots of colored foliage and pretty good weather. What I call the Grandes Dames of Scouting again honored us with their presence; they are Dorothy Danaher, Gert Lewis, Ann Nally, and Evelyn Smith. Collectively they are two Silver Antelopes and two Silver Buffaloes. Such are top Regional and National awards. Fred and Marie Billett were on hand and lively; he was the last Regional Director before the consolidation wiped out New England's Region One. The gathering, as usual, was an "orgy" of eating and visiting. What a grand bunch! We were barely over a dozen this year. With the passing years, of course, and sadly, there are some no longer able to come.

In March 1998 comes the next Interamerican Scout Conference, to be at Guadalajara, Mexico. I'm working on the proposition of visiting the Barranca del Cobre (Copper Canyon) region on the way there. Sister Ruth and brother Chsrles are showing some interest in sharing the sightseeing. Every travel folder this year talks of trips to the Copper Canyon ... I'm beginning to doubt that there are enough rooms! There is general agreement that a ride on the Chihuahua al Pacifico Railroad is a must; it has zillions of bridges and tunnels as it crosses the Sierra Tarahumara part of the Sierra Madre Occidental. The Tarahumara Indians are the largest Indian tribe north of Mexico City except for the Navajo in the USA. The railroad gives access to Creel, El Divisadero, and Bahuichivo, all up toward 8,000 ft. elevation. The road from Creel to Batopilas (around 1,500 ft. elevation) actually goes down across the Copper Canyon, then up, over, and down into the Barranca Batopilas ... only 85 miles, but reputed to take 13 hours, which certainly sounds like 4-wheeling! These canyons are equal or deeper than the Colorado's Grand Canyon, but are more V'd, that is the sides are not as cliff-stepped. Another road connects Bahuichivo to Cerocahui (above 5,000 ft.) before dipping down to Urique in the canyon bottom below 1,800 ft. I've just caught up with some Mexican topographic maps, scale 1 to 250,000.

Can you believe it? My name appears at web site <http://www.money.org/vermont/vtexhibit.html>. There in color are shown most of the 30 or so Vermont copper coins that I gave to the American Numismatic Association! Their Curator, Bob Hoge, has a nice write up on the web, and credits my gift. If you just want the ANA's Home Page you stop at <http://www.money.org>

The Vermont series is fun to contemplate. There are 39, perhaps 40, die combinations. The dies bear dates from 1785 to 1788, tho it is suspected striking may have gone on a year or two more. Specimens exist clearly struck over older coins such as Irish halfpence and something called a "Nova Constellatio". There were also four numismatic mules, that is a Vermont die combined with a die from some other series ... not supposed to be together, but there they are, There are a few varieties known by as few as three specimens, others by over 600 specimens.

Voila! Now it is your turn. Do kindly <sup>send</sup> some news of you and your doings.

Best wishes for the Holidays & New Year,

*Sandy*